

ABSTRACT

A guard for precluding articles from falling into a gap between a vertical surface and an adjacent horizontal surface, wherein the vertical surface extends above the horizontal surface, comprises an elongated section of material including a surface portion substantially defining a plane and a gap-covering portion extending away in a fixed angular relationship from the plane of the surface portion. The surface portion is adapted to be affixed to the vertical surface either by an adhesive or, where the vertical surface is a magnetizable metal, by a magnetic portion. The gap-covering portion extends a distance of at least about 0.5 inch measured orthogonally from the surface portion.